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***Radio Association of Erie
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2011***

Board Members Present: AD4UL, KE3V, N3NKV, KB3GYR, N3DBC, KB3NAT, K3PLV, and WB3DOM.

Not Present: N3JOC

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President AD4UL.

AD4UL suspended all business for a presentation by Bill Edgar, N3LLR.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:40 pm by President AD4UL.

Visitors: KK4BMC Alan Adzima

Silent Keys: A moment of silence of taken in memory of the following silent keys: Brad Beck KA3QWT, John Case AD4WK, Paul Gerbracht W3QPP, and Mark Shallenberger N3PBQ.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by N3LBI to accept the minutes as printed in the QUARAE as printed. Seconded by KB3VJZ. All in Favor.

Treasurer's Report: KB3GYR provided report.

Membership: KB3GYR reported there are 102 members for 2011.

Repeaters Committee: KB3CAT reported that the audio levels on the link still have to be adjusted and the remote base has to be installed. There have not been anymore issues regarding 61 going through the marine frequencies.

Public Service: AD4UL reported that the next events are the Presque Isle Marathon on Sunday

September 18 and the Juvenile Diabetes Walk on Saturday September 24. No information was received from Larry Zack about Run Around Erie.

Website: N3NKV reported that he condensed some of the information on the website and is looking for updates to the net schedule.

Newsletter: N3NKV reported that the deadline for the newsletter is the Thursday before the club meeting.

Clubhouse: W3IAX donated white metal roofing for the shutters.

Contesting: WB3IFD reported that the Ohio QSO party is coming up soon.



**Radio Association of Erie
Club Meeting – Thursday
October 6th at the RAE
Clubhouse on Wagner RD
in Mckean.**

6:00 PM- Hot Dogs on the Grill

7:00 PM- General Meeting

Program: Amateur Radio in 1955: Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club's "Every Single Minute"

New/Old Business:

Airport Drill: KB3NAT thanked everyone for helping out at the airport drill. There were 19 participants. At the next ARES/RACES training, the topic will be the 800 mhz statewide radio system.

Ragchew Net: AD4UL reported that the Ragchew net is on 61 at 9 pm Mondays through Fridays. In the future, it will be linked to 82. More net controls are needed.

Service Monitor: AD4UL reported that KB3BAM got a price for the service monitor. It would be \$850.00. This does not include the accessories.

Forms for Investment: AD4UL reported that the forms to change the information on the investments have been completed.

Classes: N3NKV reported that classes are on hold until spring.

Elections: AD4UL reported that the following positions are up for election for 2012: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 2 Board Positions.

Retraction E-mail: AD4UL informed the club that WB3CNJ was going to retract the letter that was sent to him.

Motion to Adjourn Made by KB3CAT and
Seconded by N3LBI at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Lis

Radio Association of Erie Secretary

Radio Association of Erie Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 29, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President AD4UL at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present: AD4UL, KB3GYR, N3NKV, K3PLV, WB3DOM, KB3NAT, N3DBC

Board Members Not Present: N3JOC, KE3V

Correspondence Received:

1. AD4UL received a \$250 check from the Edinboro Triathlon. The date for next year's event is June 2nd 2012.
2. AD4UL received an e-mail from K2HQ about the launching of a new online ham radio auction.
3. AD4UL received an e-mail from N3BXL about lack of use on the DX-Cluster that is located on the packet cluster. K3PLV reported that the internet based DX-Clusters are faster.
4. AD4UL received an e-mail from N3NKV about getting the Echolink back on 61. The board decided to let KB3THU go ahead with the project instead of N3NKV. The Echolink would be under KB3THU's Callsign. Also, the board decided to give Adam back \$50 that he had donated last year towards a climbing belt that was never bought.
5. KB3GYR received from the electric company a form to have the electric paid automatically. N3NKV will complete this form online.
6. AD4UL received the correct forms from Fidelity to change the information on the investments. The first set of forms that were sent were the wrong ones..

New Business:

AD4UL made a motion that Good Neighbor Bob receive a \$100 check for mowing the lawn and for security detail at the clubhouse. Pending approval of membership. Motion seconded by WB3DOM. Motion Carried.

Christmas Party: N3NKKV gave a report on the Christmas Party. The tentative price breakdown is as follows: \$10.75 for the buffet + \$1.82 for gratuity @ 17% + \$.65 for tax= \$13.22 Per Person Rounded up to \$15.00 person. The club makes \$1.78 per person for the slush fund for the party. The slush fund can be used to by the door prizes. I.E. gas cards. Jafa KB3VJZ will be taking reservations. Kevin KE3V will handle the door prizes. John N3NKKV will be in contact with the caterer. The program for the evening will be N3MLX. He will put on a presentation about his cross country circle tour.

Membership Booklets – N3NKKV created a prototype book. He will post the Word file to the website and Craig K3PLV will print some out for the meeting.

Program for October: N3NKKV will bring in a video he found from Youtube.

Membership Mailing –N3NKKV reported that the membership mailing will be going out around the 15th of November.

Repeater Update: N3NKKV gave a report on the report on the repeaters. N3NKKV reported that the audio levels have been adjusted to useable levels but they are not great. One level is high and one is low. A service monitor is needed for proper adjustment. N3NKKV will be updating the control

code list for the repeaters soon. N3NKKV mentioned that he will add a DVR announcements about the Novice Tech Net and the Lake Erie Emergency Net. WB3DOM mentioned he will keep track to see if there is an increase in check-ins. WB3DOM mentioned he would like to see the announcement on the repeater 2 days per week about 3-4 times per day. The 2 meter/ 440 remote base radio @ 82 needs to be installed before next year's MS Bike Race. AD4UL mentioned he had a power supply for N3NKKV to install on 61 to install on the controller.

Clubhouse: W3IAX donated metal roofing for the shutter project. Gene is looking for metal for the frames. N3NKKV reported that there is an issue with the heater. The heater does not want to ignite.

Elections: AD4UL mentioned that the following positions are open for election. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 board positions.

AD4UL mentioned that this would be the last meeting at the clubhouse for year and we would have hot dogs as usual.

Motion to Adjourn made by WB3DOM. Seconded by KE3V.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Lis
Radio Association of Erie Secretary



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Just a reminder! It is Election Time again!

The following positions are up for election for 2012:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 3 Board of Directors positions

As per the bylaws Section I part 1:

- Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the Election Committee by September 15 with the signatures of two Full or Life Member sponsors.
- The Committee will publish a list of nominees in the October RAE monthly news bulletin who are eligible and willing to serve. If a person is found to be ineligible, that person will be notified of the reason.
- At the October General meeting, additional nominations will be taken from the floor. After the October meeting is adjourned, no additional nominations will be accepted.
- At the November General meeting, elections will be conducted by the Election Committee. If a tie occurs, it will be settled immediately by a coin toss.
- The newly elected Directors and Officers shall assume office on the first day of January each year coinciding with the RAE fiscal year.

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Directions: Fill out the form for nominations for this year's voting season at the Radio Association of Erie.

Up for election this year are business officers and two directors.

OFFICE NOMINEE:

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3 Year Term #1

3 Year Term #2

Requires Signature of two full or life members:

SIGNATURE OF FULL/LIFE MEMBER 1

SIGNATURE OF FULL/ LIFE MEMBER 2

PLEASE SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTIONS.

As per the bylaws, Section I part 1 Section B: The Committee will publish a list of nominees in the October RAE monthly news bulletin who are eligible and willing to serve. If a person is found to be ineligible, that person will be notified of the reason

Family	KB3NSM	McKenna	Troy
Full	KB3GLX	Albright	Laurie
Full	AA2AD	Albright	Peter
Full	KB3VJZ	Armagost	Jafa
Full	WB3IFE	Austin	William
Full	W3GZO	Bainbridge	Richard
Full	N2WFY	Betz	David
Full	KB3JZL	Brinig	Gene
Full	KB3TMH	Chaffee	Jim
Full	W3PCJ	Chapman	William
Full	N3DBC	Churchill	John
Full	N3ZUD	Craig	Bill
Full	WA1YJZ	Durning	Richard
Full	KB3NPN	Dziubkowski	Douglas
Full	K3SBU	Dziubkowski	Robert
Full	KB3NRA	Ekstrom	Timothy
Full	K3GY	Eller	Donald
Full	N8WXQ	Etzler	Frank
Full	KB3PPC	Fobes	Merlene
Full	N3EPU	Fox	Martin
Full	N3LBI	Fuller	Robert
Full	N3TQT	Goodman	Thomas
Full	N3XFY	Gould	Richard
Full	N3FRZ	Griesacker	Paul
Full	W3IAX	Hermann	Robert
Full	K3PLV	Hill	Craig
Full	KB3THU	Kernoham	Adam
Full	KD8OSZ	Kocina	Donald
Full	K3GJK	Koos	Gerald
Full	WB3IFD	Lindvay	John
Full	N3NKV	Lis	John
Full	N3MLX	Lis	Joseph
Full	KB3UIP	Marren	Sue
Full	KA6VPZ	Mc Cracken	Gerald
Full	KB3FKO	Mcclune	Stephen
Full	KD8ASE	McFadden	Brian
Full	KD8GBP	McFadden	Belinda
Full	KE3V	McKenna	Kevin
Full	K3LD	Miller	Dianne
Full	KB3UWK	Miller	Gretchen
Full	N3EHE	Mueller	Gerald

Full	KB3PPD	Mysliwy	Theodore
Full	N3GKS	Orleski	Michael
Full	N3ZRC	Payer	Brian
Full	KB3OCT	Phillips	Francis
Full	N3JOC	Platz	Allen
Full	KB3GYR	Platz	Robert H.
Full	N3QCQ	Pregler	Frank
Full	N3MHQ	Prindle	Kathleen
Full	N3BXL	Prindle	Ronald
Full	WA3UTN	Ranowiecki	Roy
Full	KB3QGU	Richards	Douglas
Full	KB3RIQ	Richards	Mary
Full	KB3SXL	Schlosser	Barbara
Full	KB3SXK	Schlosser	Norman
Full	N3FAW	Schwimmer	Robert
Full	WB3DOM	Seyboldt	Ronald
Full	N3LPO	Seyboldt	Suzanne
Full	N3QHO	Shadduck	Robert
Full	KB3BQH	Shannon	Bill
Full	N3ZNP	Shea	Neil
Full	KB3DAF	Simpson	Sam
Full	W3HLM	Stichick	H. Donald
Full	KB3WGW	Stoeger	William
Full	KA3CTF	Stork	Gerald
Full	AD4UL	Sweet	Douglas
Full	KB3USA	Tyler	John
Full	W3WDK	Weaver	Donald
Full	KB3JZM	Wolski	Mary
Full	K2OF	Yokoff	John A.
Full	KB3OFD	Young	Torrey
Full	N3SRF	Younkin	George
Full	N3XOG	Zack	Larrie
Full	KB3SLD	Zajic	Edward
Life	W3JQV	Baker	Evelyn
Life	KC3VD	Barnes	Fred
Life	K3NAU	Bliley	Charles
Life	KA3RDA	Froncek	James
Life	W9BR	Hahn	Harry
Life	WB3KVH	Hahn	Louis
Life	WA3HSR	Hall	Michael
Life	KB3NAT	Henry	Frank

Life	KC3BG	Jackson	Robert
Life	KA3QDM	Kelly	Donald
Life	WB3ETW	Kidd	Richard
Life	N3LXG	Miller	Ralph
Life	KA3CPV	Ponchak	Joseph
Life	WB3DNF	Rhodes	Donald
Life	WW3JC	Robinson,Jr	Wayne
Life	KA3WYO	Sharer	Dennis

Life	KO3H	Soltys	Gregory
Life	K3UPC	Squire	John
Life	KC3RC	Zinzella	Joseph

***As per by bylaws, Family, Full, and Life Members have voting privileges.**

****This list is accurate as of 09/15/11**

A story about the Ringo Ranger II

I had a problem connecting a mobile 2 meter radio, a j-pole antenna and a Astron power supply. I would get a spark jumping from the antenna connection to the radio. It occurred because of a shorted by pass capacitor in the power supply that was grounded. In my haste to solve the problem I bought a new antenna. . The old j-pole antenna was home brew, made from copper tubing and worked okay for me. After researching antennas, I decided to buy the Cushcraft Ringo Ranger II antenna. I bought it from R L Electronics, at a cost of \$112.01 shipping included. They usually deliver packages in two or three days and this purchase was no different.

The ARX-2B antenna is really a kit. You put it together yourself. There are a lot of parts , but the two page instruction sheet is adequate to put them all together. An interesting feature of this antenna is the coax extension for 3 radials that get mounted to the mast approximately three feet below the end of the antenna. You need a mast size of 1-1/4" to fit the antenna over the end. It is almost impossible to find mast material in Erie. Lowes has 5 foot pieces you put together at a cost of \$7 a section. I ended up using a 10 ft piece of Electrical metal tubing or EMT that I bought from Home Depot.

Cushcraft gives you quite a choice of frequencies to build your antenna. I built mine for 147 MHZ and I have an SWR of less than 2-1 across the 2 meter band. The Ringo is quite a bit bigger than my j-pole and much more noticeable. So far my neighbors have not complained. The old saying to put as much metal in the air as possible for success has proven to be true in my case. Specs say I can expect 5.5 dBd of gain. I mounted the antenna on the north side of my two and half story house at the roof line. I had to extend up to allow the radials to clear the roof. I also taped the stainless steel clamps and other hardware to protect from weather and to keep the antenna up as long as possible. The j-pole was practically indestructible. I don't know about the Ringo Ranger. Only time will tell.

I programmed the usual frequencies into my radio and added some more such as Dunkirk, Ashtabula, and a couple of Canadian repeaters. I was able to "kerchunk" every one. I heard a Canadian station, VE3BIU, on the Ashtabula repeater and gave him a call. He was in Niagara Falls and his name is Don. His radio was a pro746 and his antenna was a Cushcraft 13B2. We decided to go simplex at 147.570. We were able to carry on a conversation with me at 50 watts and Don at 50 watts. So I am quite pleased with the antenna so far. Working Niagara Falls on FM simplex was a much a thrill as working rare DX.

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Pictures from W3M Special Event –Sat. September 17th, 2011

150th Anniversary of McKean, PA



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